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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his time and for granting a personal interview in the present application to the Applicants' representative on March 31, 2004. Further in response to the Official Action mailed August 7, 2003, the Applicants submit the present Supplemental Amendment.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 8 and 10 are independent. Claim 1 has been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 3/2, 5, 6/3/2 and 7/5 (page 4, Paper No. 08042003). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

As noted in the Interview Summary, "If the applicant claimed 'different' angles in claim 1, it appears as though the limitation will claim around the prior art of record" (Continuation Sheet, Paper No. 20040331). In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the blade is set at a second angle different than the first angle. Reconsideration of the obviousness rejection is requested.

With respect to claims 8-11, it is understood that the Examiner may decide that independent claim 8 and/or independent claim 10 are subject to an election by original presentation. The Applicants note that the Examiner may take the position that claims 8-11 are "separate inventions for any fan with the different angles" (Id.). Should such a restriction be made by the Examiner, the Examiner is reminded that in the event the Applicants pursue one or more divisional applications, no double patenting rejection should be maintained against the claims of a future divisional application which are based on present claims 8-11 if such claims are found to be directed to "separate inventions."

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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